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SUBJECT: Country Team Assessment for The Regional Air Surveillance Coordination Center (RASCC) 1206 Funding Proposal

¶1. (U) The US Embassy, Tirana Country Team has reviewed EUCOM's 1206 proposal to include Albania's Regional Air Surveillance Coordination Center (RASCC) and supports this proposal.

¶2. (U) The Ministry of Defense (MoD) has agreed to participate in this project which will fulfill their partnership goal A2900 in that installation of this remote workstation in Tirana will provide a real-time radar picture from the Air Sovereignty Operations Center (ASOC) in Sofia, Bulgaria. This system will provide a common operating air picture for Albania and its adjoining regional neighbors. This proposal will allow tracking, control and interception of aircraft transiting Albanian airspace with the intended purpose of being able to engage, deny, defeat or otherwise share reporting information of possible counter-terror and drug trafficking aircraft.

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